

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1870

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By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, petition of Thomas M. Petrolati relative to cooking facilities in lodging houses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO COOKING FACILITIES IN LODGING HOUSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 22A of Chapter 140 of the General Laws,  
2     as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3     striking out the last sentence and inserting in place hereof the fol-  
4     lowing:—

5     This section shall apply only to cities and towns, which accept  
6     its provisions and only with respect to lodging houses for which  
7     licenses are first granted, pursuant to section twenty-three of this  
8     chapter on or after March 1, 1997.

1     SECTION 2. Said Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appear-  
2     ing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by  
3     inserting after section 22A, the following new section:—

4     Section 22AA. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or  
5     regulation, ordinance or bylaw to the contrary, a lodging house  
6     where lodgings are let to more than five persons may furnish indi-  
7     vidual cooking facilities for the preparation, serving, eating, and  
8     storage of food; provided that no such facility shall be furnished  
9     in a room having an area of less than one hundred fifty square  
10    feet. Such facilities shall, in a single room, consist of a gas or  
11    electric plate or range, a refrigerator and hot and cold running  
12    water and in a unit consisting of two adjoining rooms shall consist  
13    of a gas or electric range, a sink with hot and cold running water,  
14    a refrigerator and storage area for food. Any facilities furnished  
15    under this section shall comply with the building code applicable

16 thereto. This section shall apply only to cities and towns which  
17 accept its provisions and only with respect to lodging houses for  
18 which licenses have been granted pursuant to section twenty-three  
19 at any time prior to March 1, 1997.